WALT DISNEY
WHAT IS THE COURSE OF WHITE DEEP, PRODIGY OF UNDERWATER TECHNOLOGY, CREATED TO REACH THE CENTER OF THE EARTH AND STOLEN BY THE ORGANIZATION WITH A DIABOLICAL PLAN?
A CERTAIN DUCK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...
TSK! LOOKING FOR A BATHYSCAPHE IN AN OCEAN! CAN YOU IMAGINE A MORE ABSURD MISSION?
MISSIONE
Cuore termico
DOUBLEDUCK
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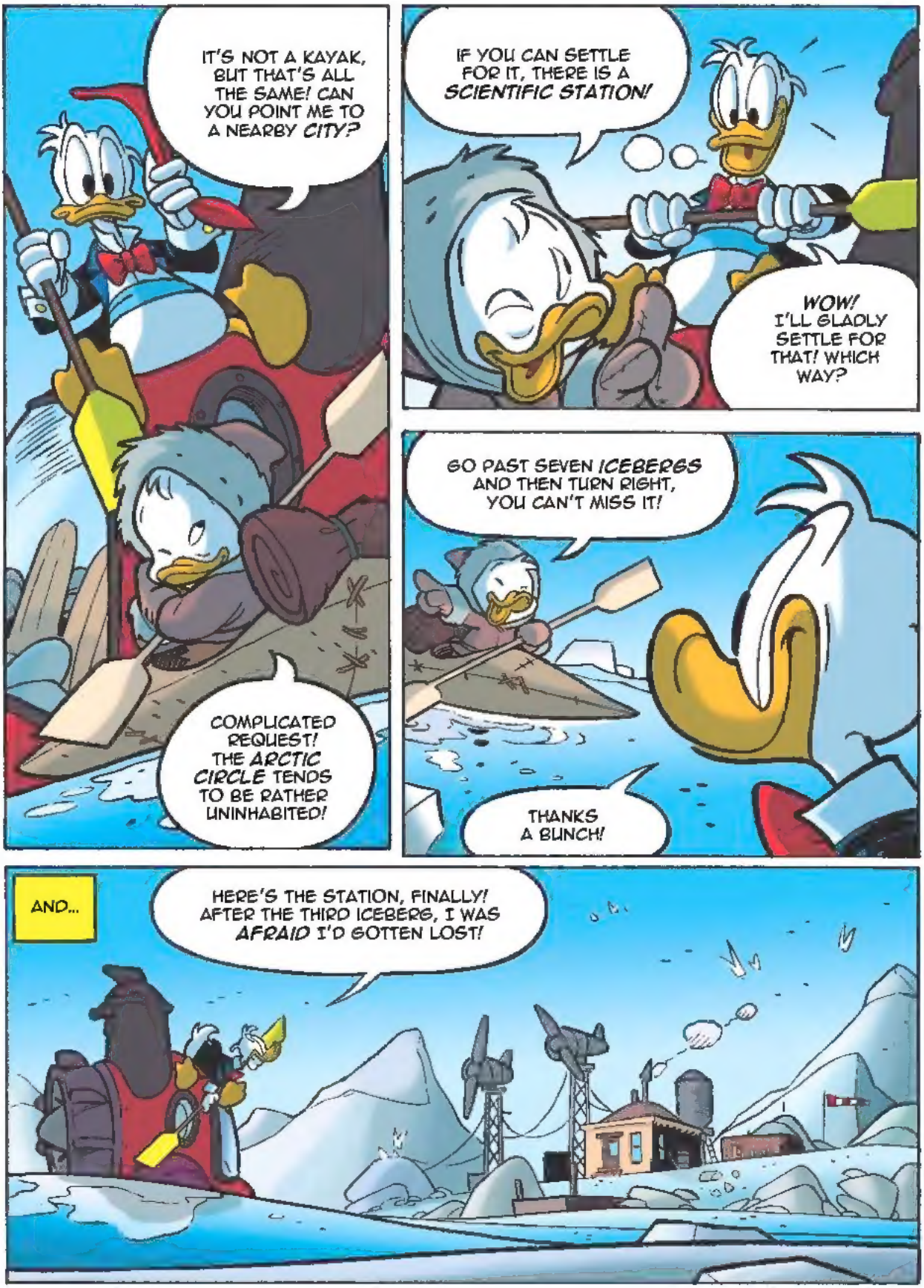
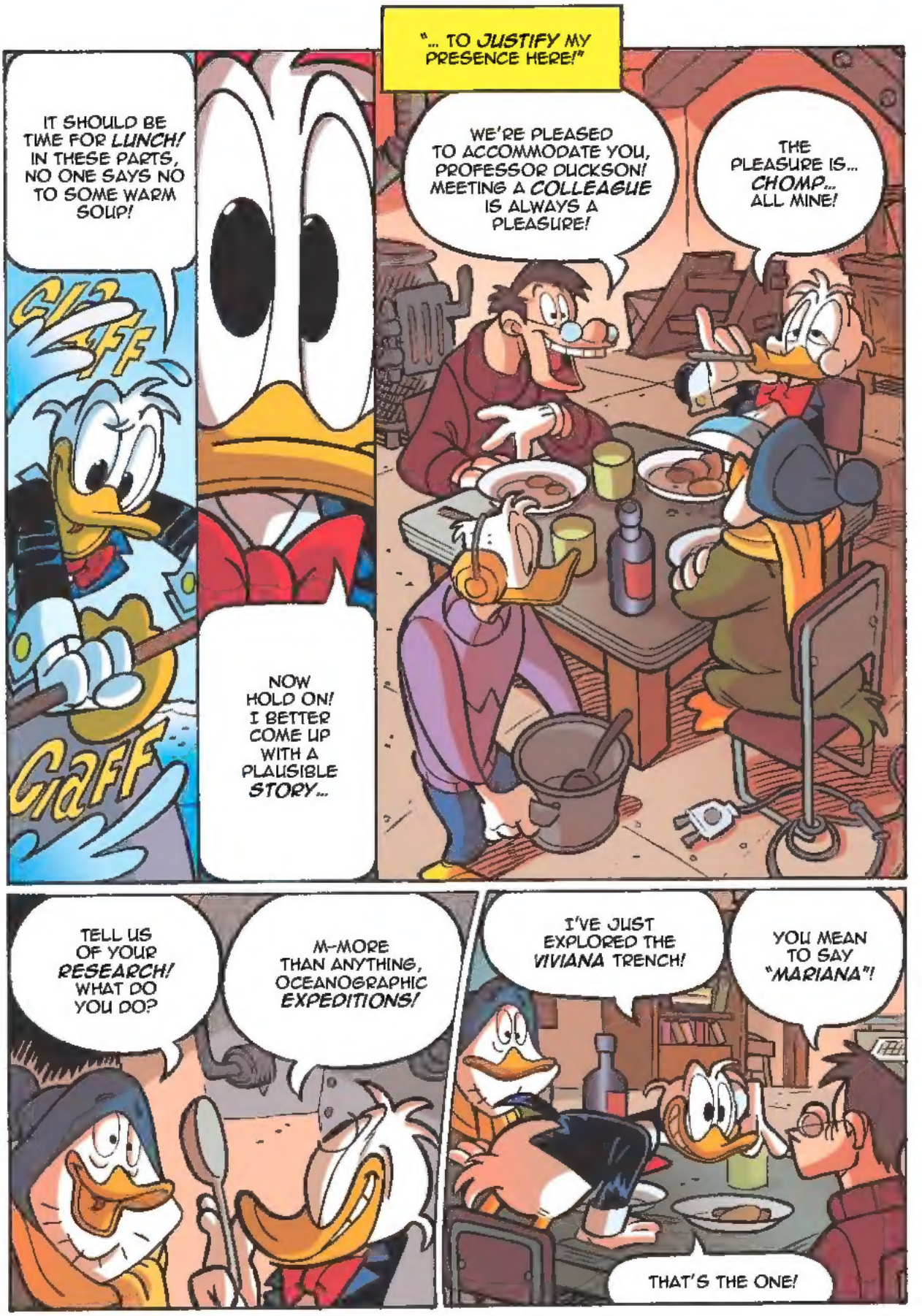
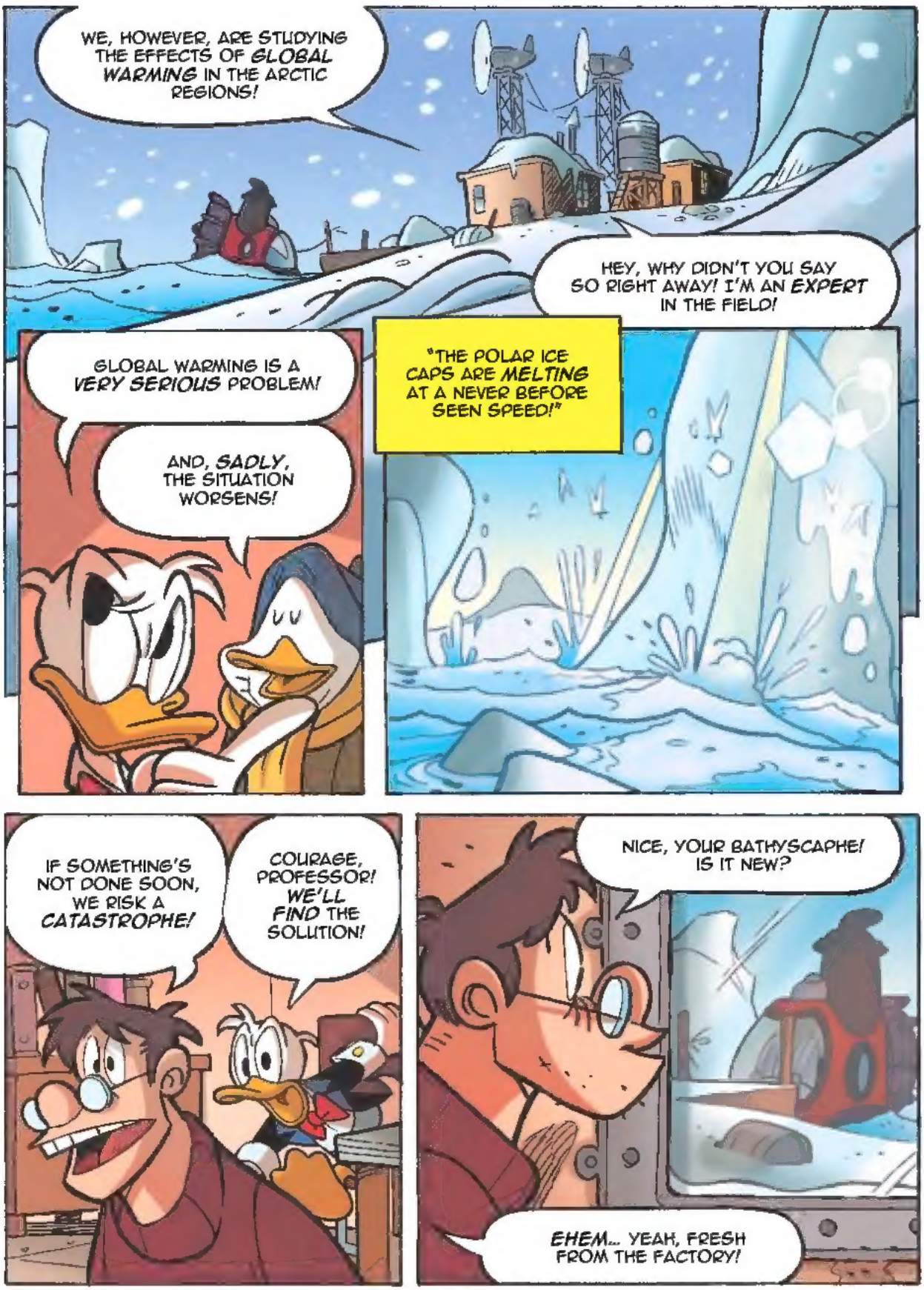
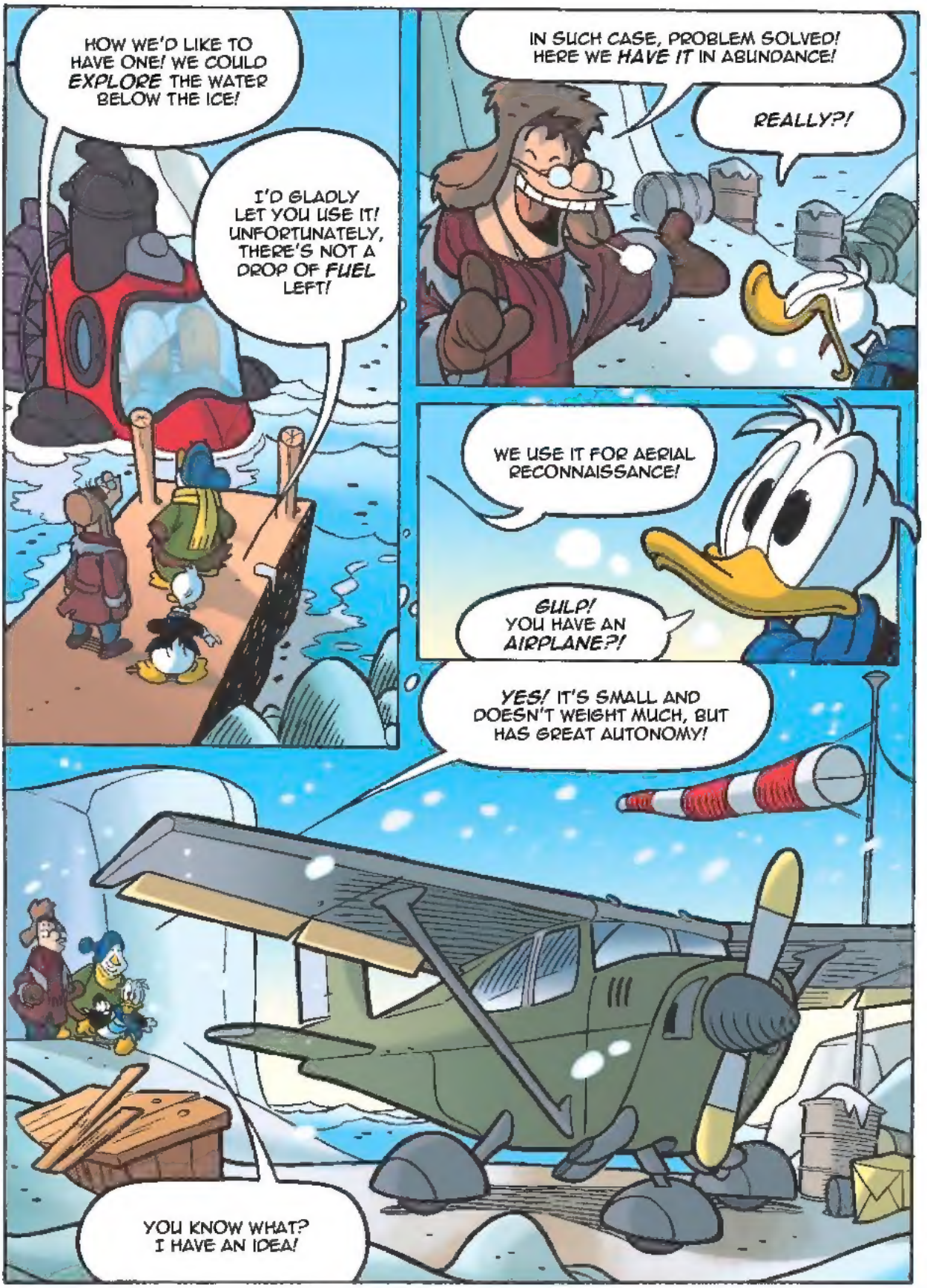
NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE TO OBEY MR. JAY J! AN ORDER IS AN ORDER!
COURAGE, DOUBLEDUCK! FOR STARTERS, I NEED TO TOUCH GROUND!
UH OH! SOMETHING TELLS ME I GOT THE CALCULATIONS A TAD WRONG!
"FORTUNATELY, ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, IT WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW MILES!"
THE CURRENTS HAVE TAKEN ME TOO FAR NORTH AND...
HI THERE, FRIEND!
AN ESKIMO?!
ORIGINAL, YOUR KAYAK! A BIT CUMBERSOME, PERHAPS!

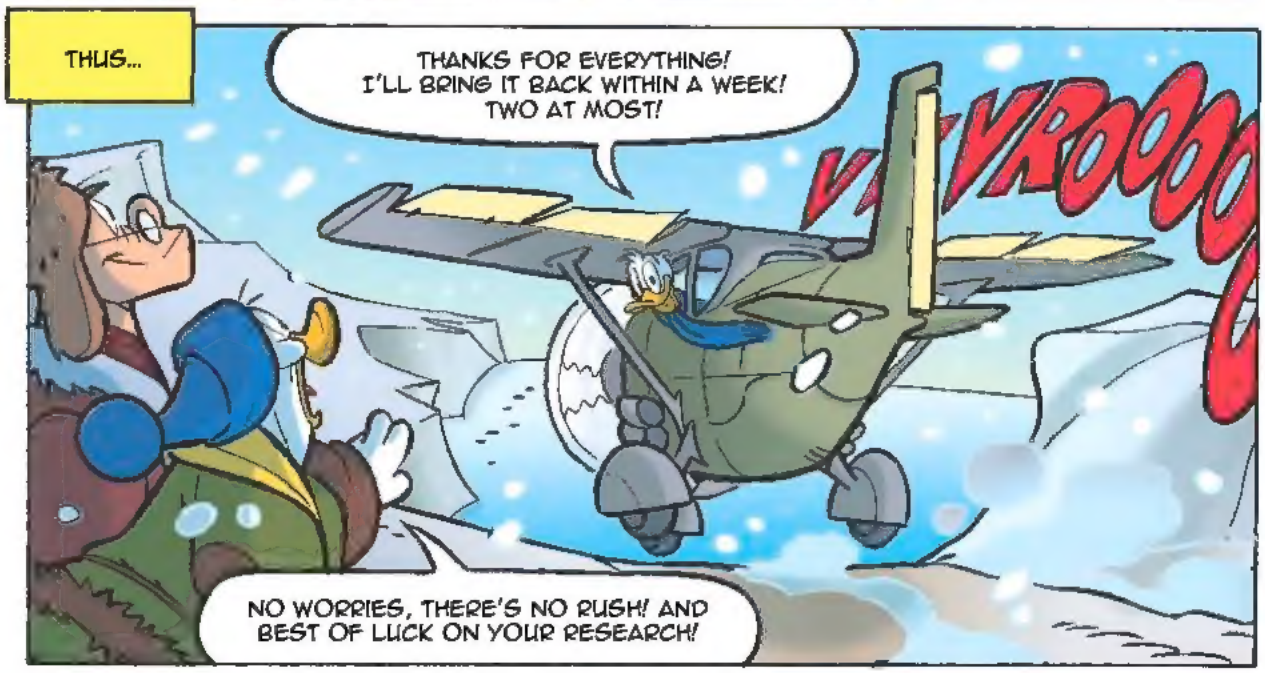

IT'S NOT A KAYAK, BUT THAT'S ALL THE SAME! CAN YOU POINT ME TO A NEARBY *CITY*?
COMPLICATED REQUEST! THE *ARCTIC CIRCLE* TENDS TO BE RATHER UNINHABITED!
IF YOU CAN SETTLE FOR IT, THERE IS A *SCIENTIFIC STATION!*
WOW! I'LL GLADLY SETTLE FOR THAT! WHICH WAY?
GO PAST SEVEN *ICEBERGS* AND THEN TURN RIGHT, YOU CAN'T MISS IT!
THANKS A BUNCH!
AND...
HERE'S THE STATION, FINALLY! AFTER THE THIRD ICEBERG, I WAS *AFRAID* I'D GOTTEN LOST!


IT SHOULD BE TIME FOR LUNCH! IN THESE PARTS, NO ONE SAYS NO TO SOME WARM SOUP!
GIUFF
GIUFF
NOW HOLD ON! I BETTER COME UP WITH A PLAUSIBLE STORY...
"... TO JUSTIFY MY PRESENCE HERE!"
WE'RE PLEASED TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, PROFESSOR DUCKSON! MEETING A COLLEAGUE IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE!
THE PLEASURE IS... CHOMP... ALL MINE!
TELL US OF YOUR RESEARCH! WHAT DO YOU DO?
M-MORE THAN ANYTHING, OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS!
I'VE JUST EXPLORED THE VIVIANA TRENCH!
YOU MEAN TO SAY "MARIANA"!
THAT'S THE ONE!


WE, HOWEVER, ARE STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS!
HEY, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO RIGHT AWAY! I'M AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD!
GLOBAL WARMING IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM!
AND, SADLY, THE SITUATION WORSENS!
"THE POLAR ICE CAPS ARE MELTING AT A NEVER BEFORE SEEN SPEED!"
IF SOMETHING'S NOT DONE SOON, WE RISK A CATASTROPHE!
COURAGE, PROFESSOR! WE'LL FIND THE SOLUTION!
NICE, YOUR BATHYSCAPHE! IS IT NEW?
EHEM... YEAH, FRESH FROM THE FACTORY!

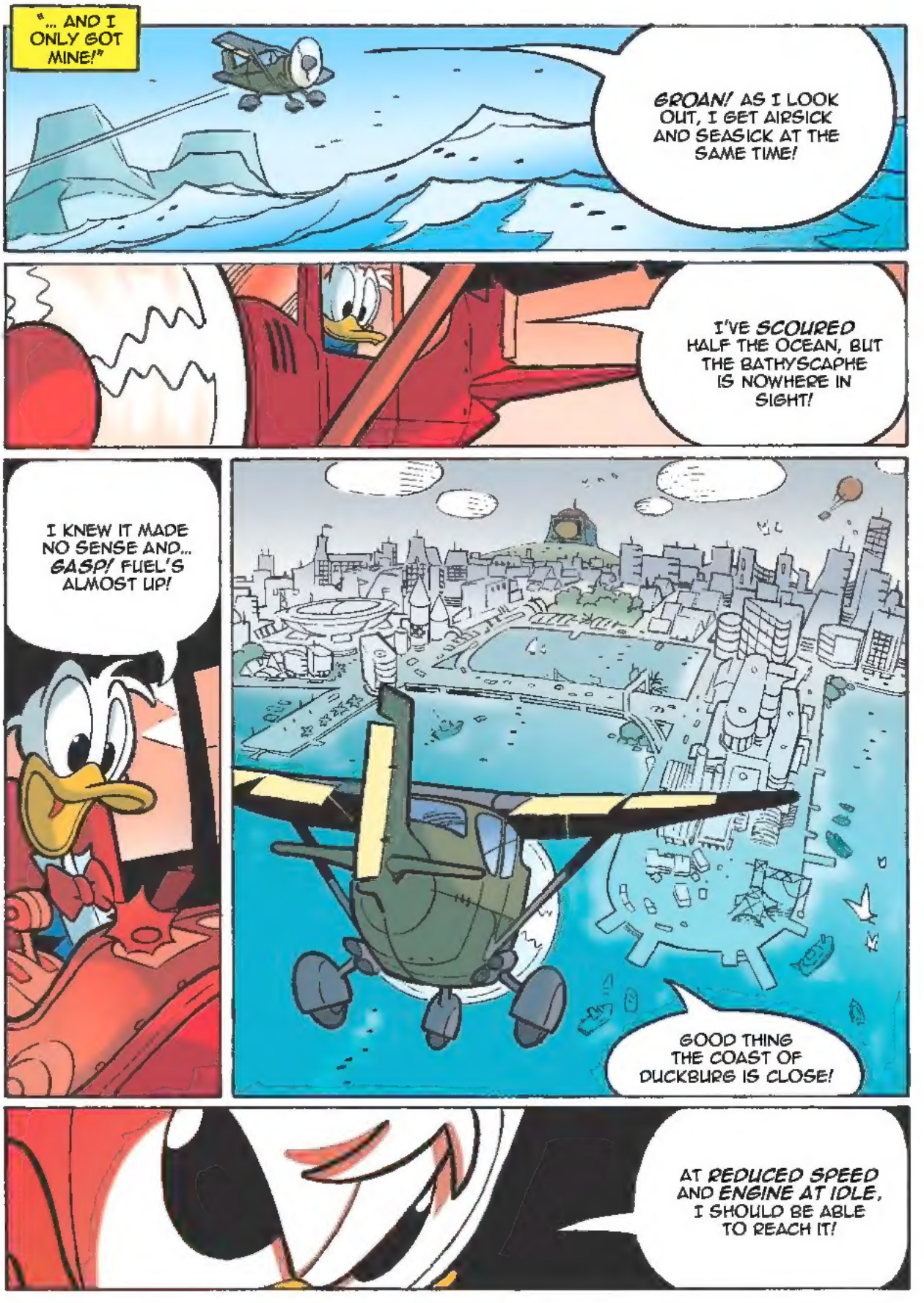

HOW WE'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE! WE COULD *EXPLORE* THE WATER BELOW THE ICE!
I'D GLADLY LET YOU USE IT! UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S NOT A DROP OF *FUEL* LEFT!
IN SUCH CASE, PROBLEM SOLVED! HERE WE *HAVE IT* IN ABUNDANCE!
REALLY?!
WE USE IT FOR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE!
GULP! YOU HAVE AN *AIRPLANE?!*
YES! IT'S SMALL AND DOESN'T WEIGHT MUCH, BUT HAS GREAT AUTONOMY!
YOU KNOW WHAT? I HAVE AN IDEA!

I'LL *LEND* YOU THE BATHYSCAPHE AND YOU'LL *LEND* ME THE PLANE!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU NEED IT FOR?
STUDYING THE OCEAN FROM ABOVE! CHANGING PERSPECTIVE *BENEFITS* SCIENCE!
WELL, THEN, *IT'S A DEAL!*


THUS...
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! I'LL BRING IT BACK WITHIN A WEEK! TWO AT MOST!
VRROOOO
NO WORRIES, THERE'S NO RUSH! AND BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR RESEARCH!

"BEST OF LUCK", HE SAYS! THAT IS WHAT I NEED!

NOT EVEN THE *LUCKINESS* OF GLADSTONE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO FIND WHITE DEEP IN THESE CONDITIONS...


"... AND I ONLY GOT MINE!"
GROAN! AS I LOOK OUT, I GET AIRSICK AND SEASICK AT THE SAME TIME!
I'VE SCOURED HALF THE OCEAN, BUT THE BATHYSCAPHE IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT!
I KNEW IT MADE NO SENSE AND... GASP! FUEL'S ALMOST UP!
GOOD THING THE COAST OF DUCKBURG IS CLOSE!
AT REDUCED SPEED AND ENGINE AT IDLE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH IT!

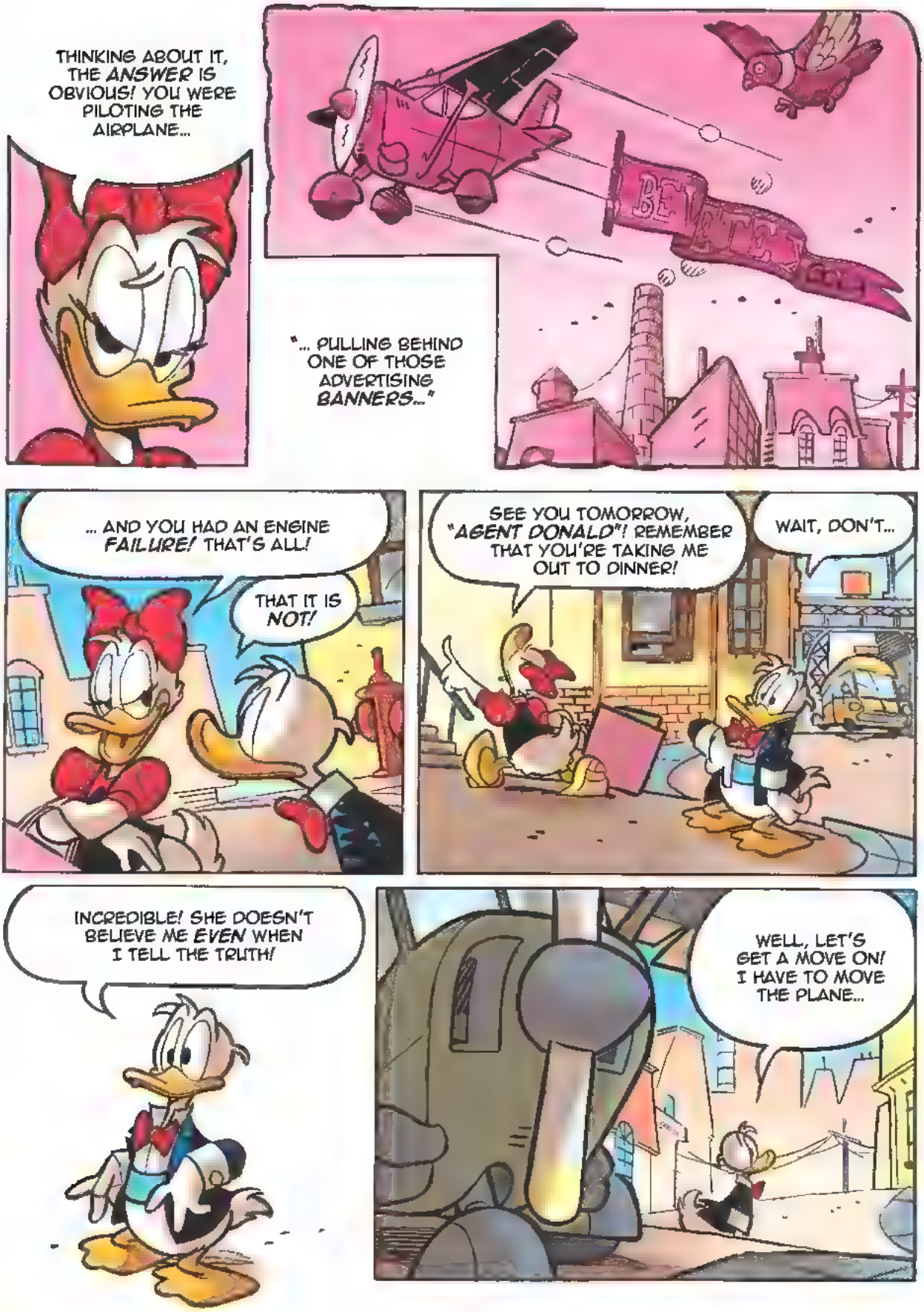
OVER THERE I SEE PEDES-TRIANS! DO I SLOW DOWN?
DRIVING SCHOOL
YES, IT'S USUALLY BETTER TO NOT RUN THEM OVER!
A PLANE WANTS TO PASS ME! DO I PULL OVER?
NO, MAINTAIN... WHAAAT?!
MAKE WAAAYYY!
SWOOSH
GASP!
ULP!
PHEEEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
VETROSKY
CRYSTALS
SKreEeee

HEY, YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW THEY *INVENTED* AIRPORTS FOR SUCH STUNTS?
SORRY, OFFICER! I HAD TO MAKE AN *EMERGENCY* LANDING, DUE TO LACK OF FUEL!
ALRIGHT, BUT HERE THERE'S *NO PARKING!*
SO, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO PUT UP WITH A NICE *FINE!*
SCRIB SCRIB
SOB!
MOVE YOUR VEHICLE *PRONTO*, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO CALL A TOW TRUCK!
GRRR! THESE THINGS ONLY HAPPEN TO ME!
NOW I MUST HURRY TO...
DONALD!

I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE AN EXPLANATION!
DAISY, WHAT A NICE SURPRISE! HOW'S THE SHOPPING GOING?
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT AND TELL ME WHAT THE MEANING OF THIS AIRPLANE IS!
SEE... I... IN REALITY...
... IN REALITY IT'S NOT AN AIRPLANE!
HUH?!
THEN WHAT IS IT? A BLENDER?
NO, A CAMOUFLAGED AUTOMOBILE!
IT'S A NEW MODEL FROM MCDUCK INDUSTRIES, WHICH I'M TESTING!
HEAR HEAR! IN THAT CASE, I'D LIKE YOU TO CLARIFY ONE SMALL DETAIL!

HOW IS IT THAT, JUST SHORTLY, YOUR "AUTO-MOBILE" FLEW?
ARGH! YOU SAW ME COMING...
YEAH, I SAW YOU! NOW SPIT OUT THE TRUTH, OTHERWISE...
GLOM!
ALRIGHT, ENOUGH LIES, SUBTER-FUGES AND DOUBLE CROSSES! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
YES, I CONFESS: I AM A SECRET AGENT!
EEEH?!
AND WHO DO YOU WORK FOR, PRAY TELL?
FOR THE AGENCY, A STRUCTURE SO SECRET IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A NAME!
I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTH POLE ABOARD THIS APPARATUS...

... AND THE OUTCOME OF MY MISSION WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF THE PLANET! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?
MPFFF...
HA HA HA!
?!
OF ALL THE TALL STORIES YOU'VE GIVEN ME, THIS IS THE MOST FARFETCHED ONE!
BUT IT'S LIKE THAT, I ASSURE YOU!
TSK! YOU'RE SAYING SOMEONE WOULD ENTRUST A TASK LIKE THAT TO A GUY LIKE YOU?
THEN EXPLAIN TO ME FOR WHAT OTHER REASON I'D LAND IN THE CENTER OF DUCKBURG!


THINKING ABOUT IT, THE *ANSWER* IS OBVIOUS! YOU WERE PILOTING THE AIRPLANE...
"... PULLING BEHIND ONE OF THOSE ADVERTISING *BANNERS*..."
... AND YOU HAD AN ENGINE *FAILURE!* THAT'S ALL!
THAT IT IS *NOT!*
SEE YOU TOMORROW, "*AGENT DONALD*"! REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE TAKING ME OUT TO DINNER!
WAIT, DON'T...
INCREDIBLE! SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE ME *EVEN* WHEN I TELL THE TRUTH!
WELL, LET'S GET A MOVE ON! I HAVE TO MOVE THE PLANE...

"... AND REPORT TO MR. JAY J!"
SO, YOU GAVE THE MOCKUP TO THOSE SCIENTISTS AT THE ARCTIC STATION?
YES, *IN EXCHANGE* FOR THE VEHICLE I SCOURED THE OCEAN WITH!
UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING!
DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF! THE *PROBABILITY* OF SPOTTING THE BATHYSCAPHE WAS CLOSE TO ZERO!
WE HAVE TO LET THIS ONE GO! WHITE DEEP IS IRRETRIEVABLY LOST!
BY THIS TIME, IT WILL HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE ORGANIZATION'S *SECRET BASE!*
HOLD ON! WE CAN ALWAYS FIND THIS BASE, CAN'T WE?
TSK! WE'VE BEEN TRYING FOR *YEARS!*

WE'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, FROM THE POLES TO THE EQUATOR, WITHOUT EVER MANAGING TO LOCATE IT!
THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE UP! PERHAPS, WITH ANOTHER ATTEMPT...
IT'S TOO LATE NOW! OPERATION "THERMAL HEART" HAS FAILED AND I'M TAKING THE BLAME!
TODAY I HAND IN MY RESIGNATION!
GULP! BUT...
GOODBYE, DOUBLEDUCK, I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!
T-THANK YOU, DIRECTOR! GOOD LUCK TO YOU TOO!
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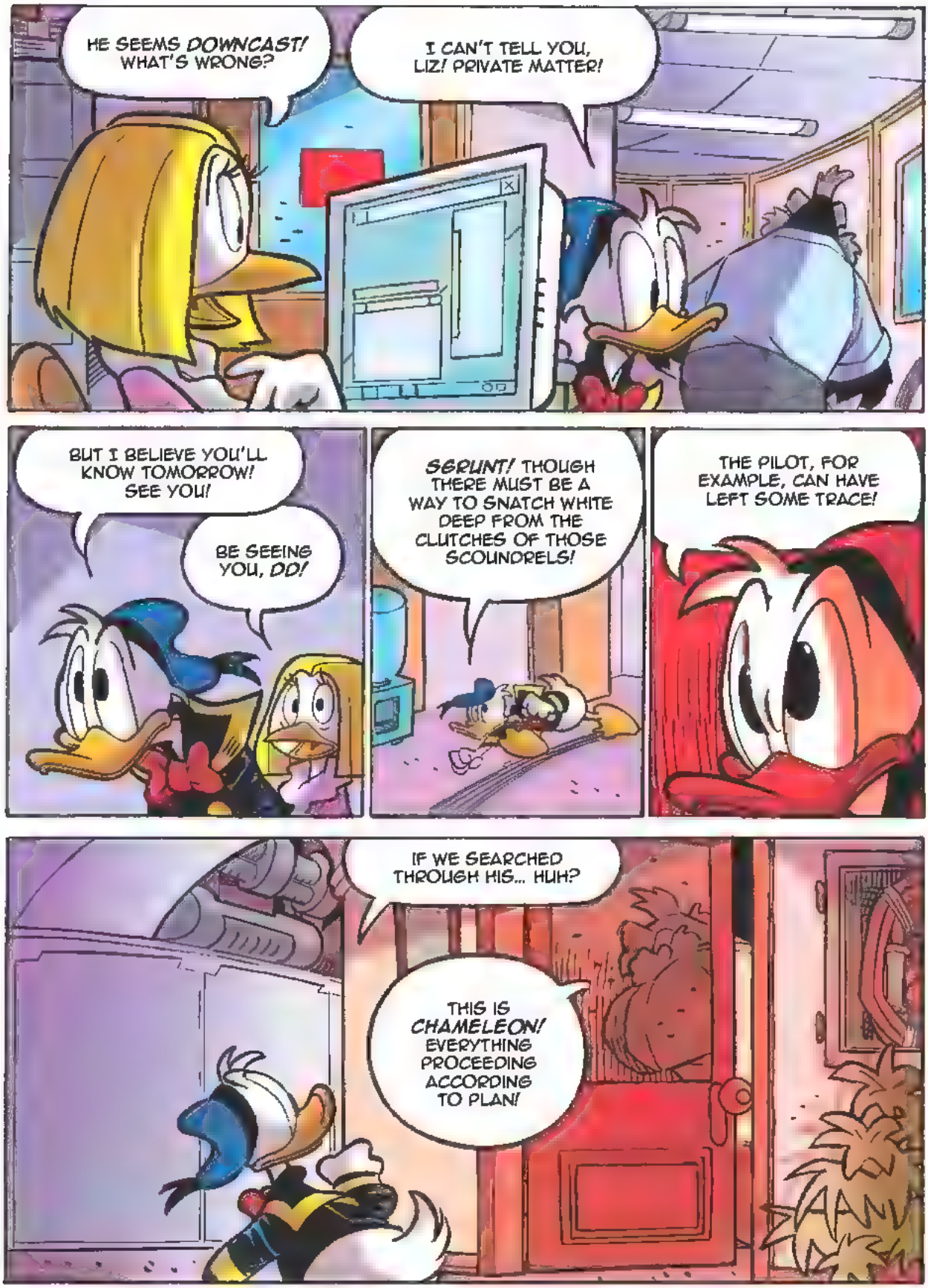
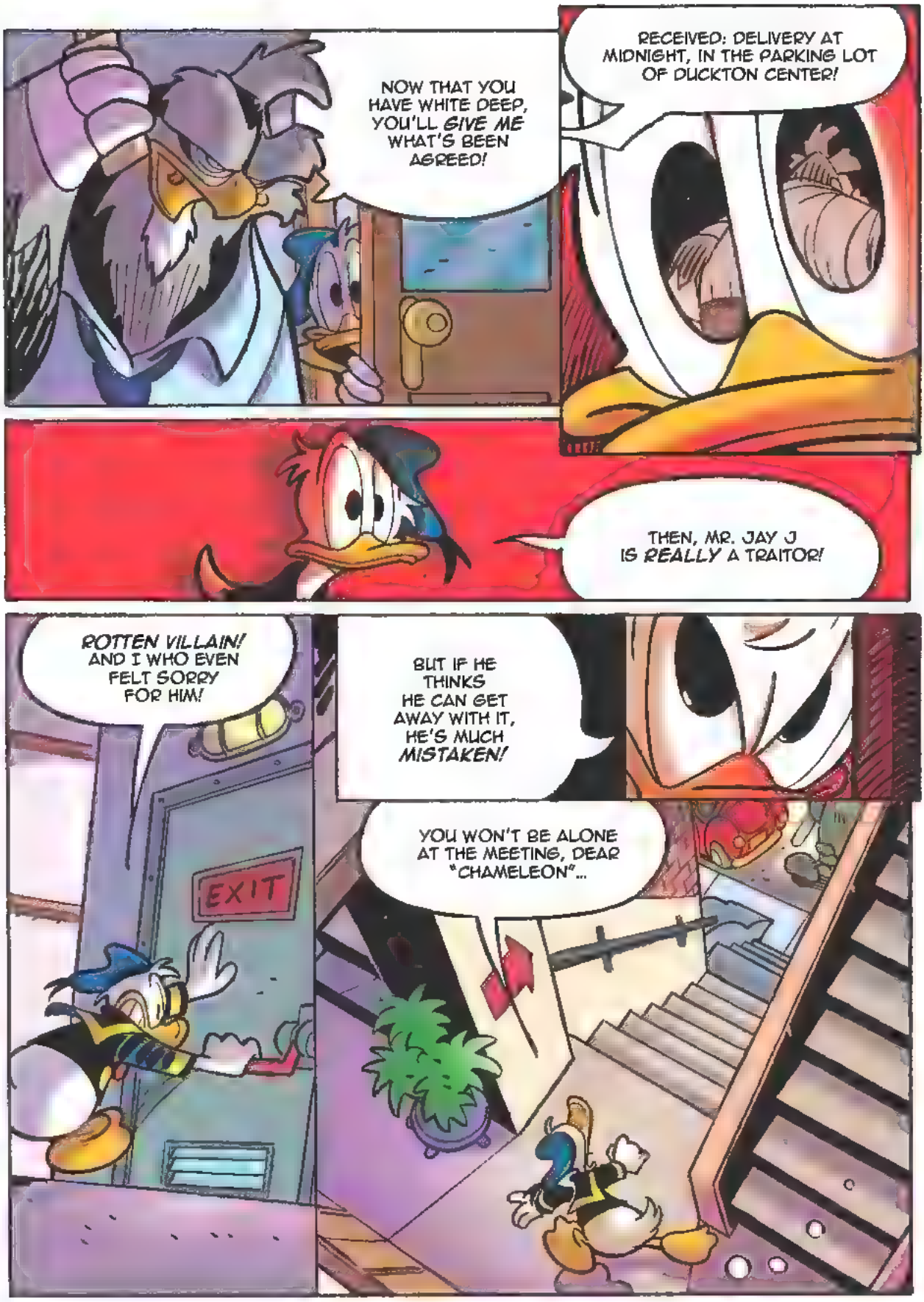
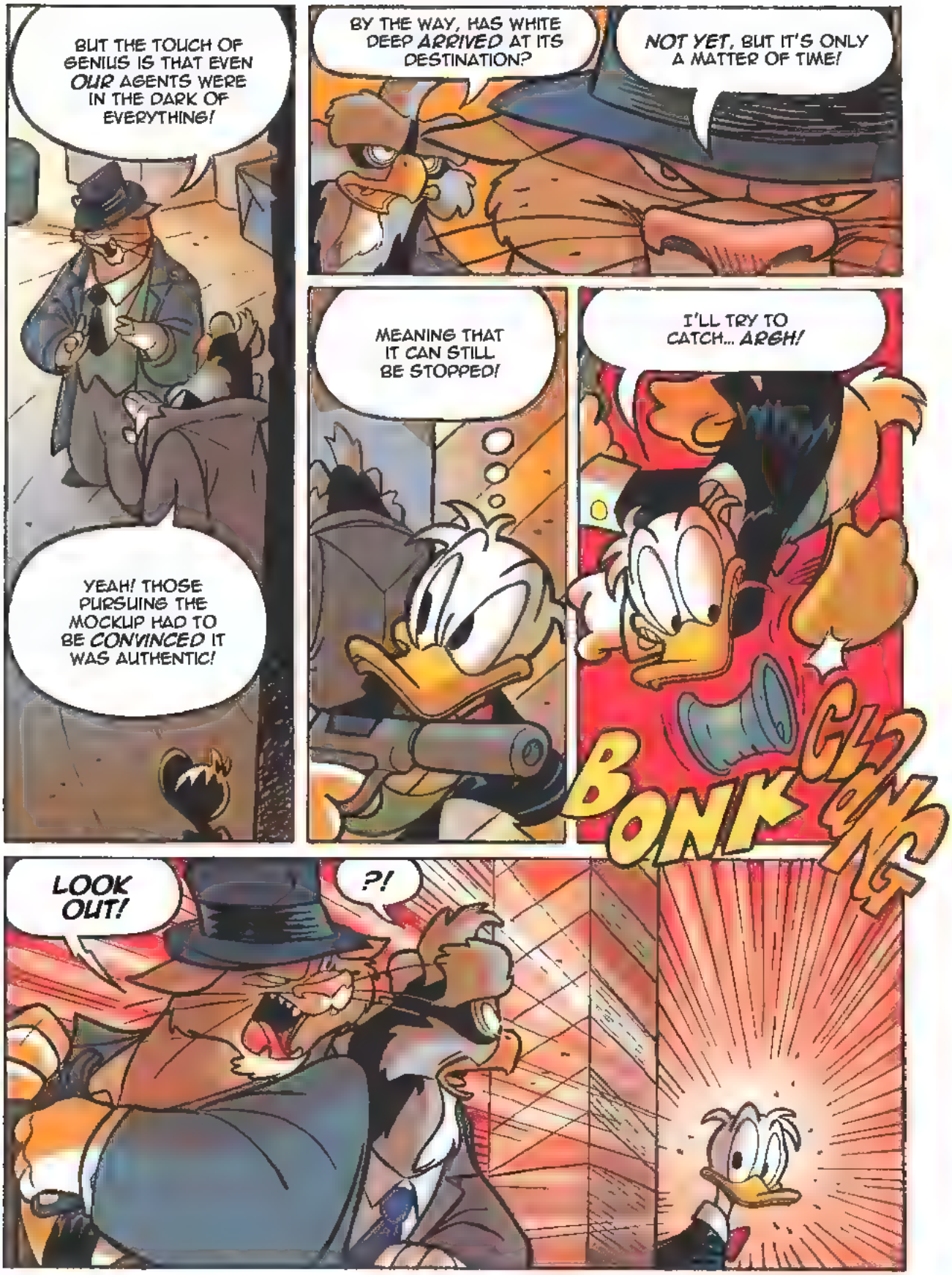

HE SEEMS DOWNCAST! WHAT'S WRONG?
I CAN'T TELL YOU, LIZ! PRIVATE MATTER!
BUT I BELIEVE YOU'LL KNOW TOMORROW! SEE YOU!
BE SEEING YOU, DD!
SGRUNT! THOUGH THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SNATCH WHITE DEEP FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THOSE SCOUNDRELS!
THE PILOT, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN HAVE LEFT SOME TRACE!
IF WE SEARCHED THROUGH HIS... HUH?
THIS IS CHAMELEON! EVERYTHING PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN!


NOW THAT YOU HAVE WHITE DEEP, YOU'LL *GIVE ME* WHAT'S BEEN AGREED!
RECEIVED: DELIVERY AT MIDNIGHT, IN THE PARKING LOT OF DUCKTON CENTER!
THEN, MR. JAY J IS *REALLY* A TRAITOR!
ROTTEN VILLAIN! AND I WHO EVEN FELT SORRY FOR HIM!
BUT IF HE THINKS HE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT, HE'S MUCH *MISTAKEN!*
YOU WON'T BE ALONE AT THE MEETING, DEAR "CHAMELEON"...
EXIT

"DOUBLEDUCK WILL ALSO BE THERE!"
PARTY CENTER
P
VROOOM

SKREEEK
1
MIDNIGHT EXACTLY! KUDOS TO YOUR PUNCTUALITY!
YOU KNOW US, DON'T YOU? WE ORGANIZATION PEOPLE ARE PRECISE!

THIS CONTAINS THE ADVANCE ON YOUR FUTURE RETIREMENT!
OPEN IT! NOT THAT I DISTRUST YOU, OF COURSE!
TEN MILLION DOLLARS, AS AGREED!
VERY GOOD!
PRETENDING TO BE CORRUPTED AND THEN BEING CORRUPTED FOR REAL... YOU'RE A SLY ONE, JAY J!
I HAD TO DIVERT FROM ME ANY SUSPICION! HIDING THE TRUTH IN UNTRUTH WAS THE BEST METHOD!
THUS, YOU REVEALED TO US IN ADVANCE THE DOUBLE BATHYSCAPHE TRICK...
... IN ORDER TO ARTISTICALLY SET UP THE HUNT FOR THE FAKE WHITE DEEP!
THE GOAL, IN REALITY, WAS TO COVER THE REMOVAL OF THE REAL ONE!


BUT THE TOUCH OF GENIUS IS THAT EVEN *OUR* AGENTS WERE IN THE DARK OF EVERYTHING!
YEAH! THOSE PURSUING THE MOCKUP HAD TO BE *CONVINCED* IT WAS AUTHENTIC!
BY THE WAY, HAS WHITE DEEP *ARRIVED* AT ITS DESTINATION?
NOT YET, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!
MEANING THAT IT CAN STILL BE STOPPED!
I'LL TRY TO CATCH... *ARGH!*
BONK
CLANG
LOOK OUT!
?!

IT'S A BUSYBODY OF YOURS!
DOUBLEDUCK?!
BANG BANG
ZING
ZING
GLOM! THIS IS BAD!
GONK
ZLING
!
YES, HE'S PART OF MY TEAM! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT HERE!
WONDER ABOUT THAT LATER! NOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO CURE HIM OF HIS MIGRAINE...

... WITH A NICE .44 CALIBER PISTOL!
GASP!
NO! I'LL SEE TO ELIMINATING HIM!
AS YOU WISH! IN THE END, HE'S YOUR MESS!
NOW CLEAR OFF! SOMEONE MAY COME!
YES, BETTER NOT TAKE ANY RISKS!
SORRY, DOUBLEDUCK! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE POKED AROUND!
BANG
VROOOM

Y-YOU MISSED?!
SORRY FOR THE SHOT! THE ACT HAD TO BE CREDIBLE!
I AM COMPLETELY LOST! WHICH SIDE ARE YOU REALLY ON?
THE GOOD ONE, OBVIOUSLY!
YOU, HOWEVER, HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT ME?
BY PURE CHANCE, I HEARD YOUR PHONE CALL!
AND SO YOU TRIED TO TAKE ME DOWN, RISKING YOUR FEATHERS!
I COULDN'T DO OTHERWISE!
NOW WILL YOU TELL ME, ONCE AND FOR ALL, WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO BE PATIENT A LITTLE LONGER! I WILL REVEAL EVERYTHING...

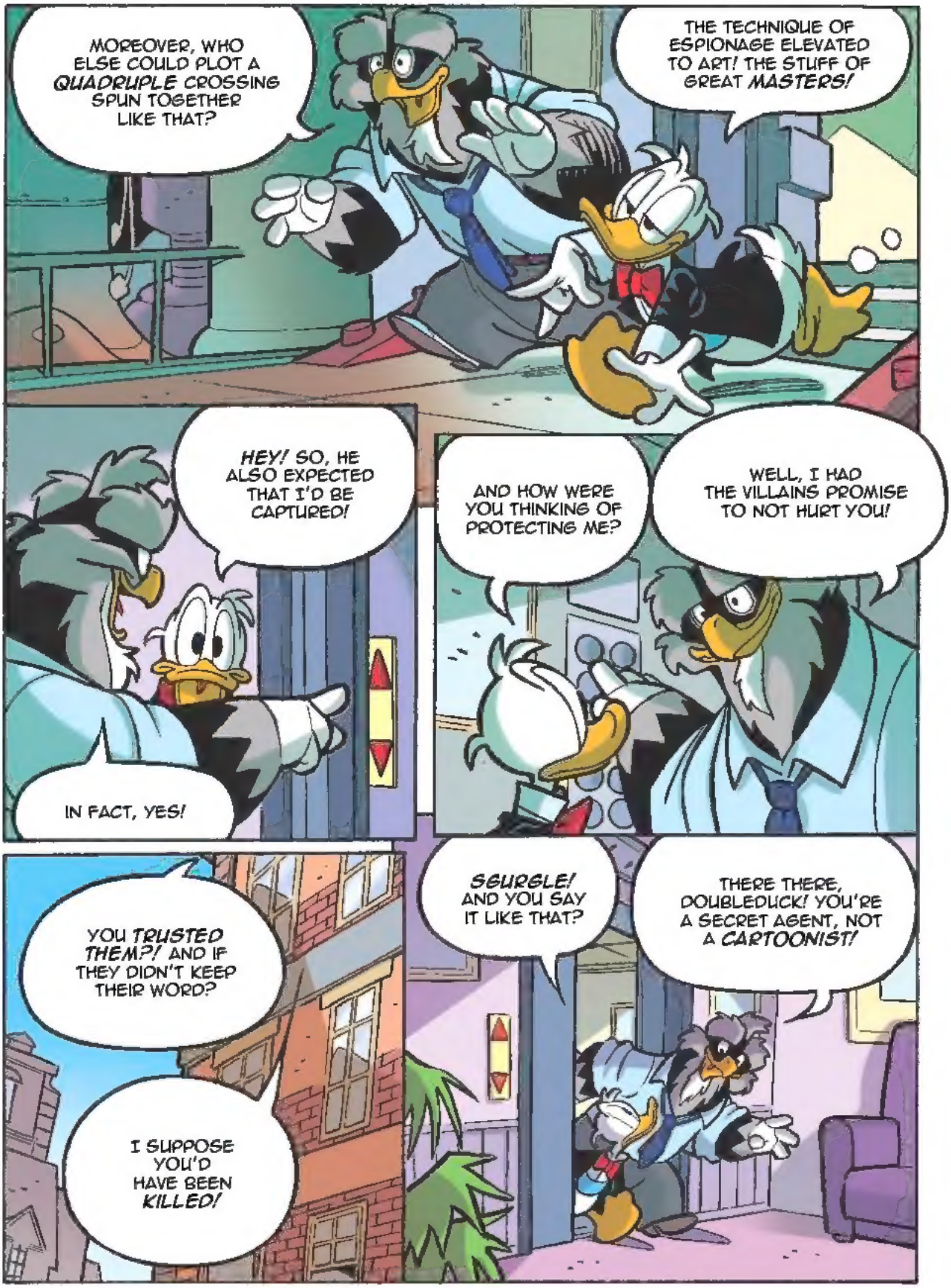
"... AT THE HOME OF THE AGENCY!"
THIS IS THE POOL WHERE THE FAKE WHITE DEEP *DEPARTED*, REMEMBER?
NATURALLY! AND FROM HERE, AS I'VE GATHERED, THE REAL ONE *ALSO* DEPARTED...
... PILOTED BY ONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEN AND *DIRECTED* TO THE MYSTERIOUS BASE!
EXACTLY!
THE INSTRUMENTS HAVE FOLLOWED IT FOR THE ENTIRE NAVIGATION!
WHAAAT?!

I WAS TOLD IT WAS UNTRACE-ABLE!
THAT WAS A LIE! WE KNEW WHERE IT WAS AT ALL TIMES!
AND WE KNOW IT WILL REEMERGE... NOW!
?!
BLUB BLUB
WOOOSH
CLUNK
GLAB! I'M BACK TO WHERE I STARTED?

WELCOME, FRIEND! WE'VE BEEN ANXIOUSLY EXPECTING YOU!
I-IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! I CROSSED THE OCEAN, TRAVELING THOUSANDS OF MILES!
THEN, HOW CAN THE BATHYSCAPHE BE HERE?
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN HERE! IT HASN'T MOVED A CENTIMETER!
BEFORE THE "DEPARTURE", WE HAD TURNED IT INTO A DIVE SIMULATOR!
"WHILE THE PILOT THOUGHT HE WAS IN THE SEA, HIS JOURNEY TOOK PLACE IN VIRTUAL REALITY!"
A VERY CUNNING TRICK! BUT... FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?

TO HAVE THE INFILTRATOR SET THE NAVIGATION PLAN...
... AND LEAD US TO THE SECRET BASE! FINALLY WE'VE FOUND IT!
"OUR MEN HAVE JUST CONQUERED IT, TAKING DOWN THE SCOUNDRELS!"

SO, THIS WAS THE OBJECTIVE!
YEAH: VANQUISHING THE ORGANIZATION! THIS TIME WE'VE DONE IT!
AND NOW MISSION "THERMAL HEART" CAN TRULY BEGIN!
WHITE DEEP DEPARTS TOMORROW FOR THE SOUTH POLE! FROM THERE ITS ADVENTURE COMMENCES!
I HOPE IT WILL SUCCEED! THE EARTH HAS NEED OF A LITTLE REFRESHING!
WE, HOWEVER, ARE EXPECTED BY SOMEONE "VERY HIGH UP"!
GULP! THE BIG BOSS?
I CAN SAY THIS NOW: IT'S HE WHO'S WEAVED THIS COMPLICATED PLAN!


MOREOVER, WHO ELSE COULD PLOT A *QUADRUPLE* CROSSING SPUN TOGETHER LIKE THAT?
THE TECHNIQUE OF ESPIONAGE ELEVATED TO ART! THE STUFF OF GREAT *MASTERS!*
HEY! SO, HE ALSO EXPECTED THAT I'D BE CAPTURED!
IN FACT, YES!
AND HOW WERE YOU THINKING OF PROTECTING ME?
WELL, I HAD THE VILLAINS PROMISE TO NOT HURT YOU!
YOU *TRUSTED THEM?!* AND IF THEY DIDN'T KEEP THEIR WORD?
I SUPPOSE YOU'D HAVE BEEN *KILLED!*
SGURGLE! AND YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT?
THERE THERE, DOUBLEDUCK! YOU'RE A SECRET AGENT, NOT A *CARTOONIST!*

RISK, TENSION, DANGER... THAT RENDERS OUR JOB FASCINATING!
SIGH! I'LL MISS IT ALL!
HUH? WHY WOULD YOU MISS IT?
BECAUSE ONE THING'S TRUE: I AM RETIRING, I HAVE DONE MY LAST TASK!
EEEH?!
SO, YOU'LL UNDERGO MNEMONIC RESET AND ASSUME A NEW IDENTITY?
YES, IT'S PROCEDURE!
THE AGENCY WON'T BE THE SAME WITH YOU!
OH, I'LL BE FORGOTTEN QUICKLY! BUT ENOUGH OF THAT NOW...
THE BIG BOSS IS WAITING!
TLAK

CONGRATULATION, GUYS! GREAT WORK!
JAY J, YOU CONDUCTED THE OPERATION FLAWLESSLY!
YOU'RE TOO KIND, SIR!
YOU DID WELL TOO, DOUBLEDUCK! BUT WILL YOU NEVER STOP DOING IT YOUR WAY AND MAKE A MESS?
NEVER, BOSS! MODESTLY, THAT'S MY STYLE!
YEAH, YOUR STYLE... I KNOW IT WELL!
RATHER, NO ONE KNOWS AS MUCH AS ME!
FINE